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ROADS AND BRIDGES MONTHLY REPORT September 2011

Construction Updates

All previously scheduled road projects and repairs for the 2011 road program have been completed.

2011 Major Drainage Project

The major drainage project received yet another setback with easement and timing delays which resulted in reviewing the entire scope of the drainage project on Chapel Road and the grading project on Church Road when a revised bid was returned in excess of \$200,000 over the earlier bid. This increase was caused by Gov. Quinn's signing the Illinois EPA bill requiring all materials going to a landfill to be examined and tested for hazardous materials.

This additional haulage and testing resulted in the increased cost. A further review, a field inspection, interviews with residents on Church Road, a study to determine travel and distance to fire stations and a history of accidents at Church and River Roads, and the statement by residents that the Church Road approach to River Road only became an issue if Chapel Road were closed, resulted in the decision to cancel the Church Road portion of the project and in Spring 2012 to go ahead with the dry well on Chapel Road. If the dry well is adequate to control flooding on Chapel Road, the remainder of the raising of Chapel Road will be cancelled. If not, it will be done the following year.

Meanwhile, new signage with solar panels and sensors will be installed on Chapel Road to alert drivers to any flooding or ice on the pavement.

The cost savings to the Village goes from \$495,000 to approximately \$90,000.

Culvert Replacements

On October 4, 2011, the last culvert replacement project on Hawthorne Lane was interrupted because the job foreman dumped a load of stone and the replacement culvert on a vacant lot on the north side of Hawthorne Lane after calling and getting permission from a person whom he believed to be the owner.

The foreman was then confronted by a resident charging the foreman with criminal trespass and demanding that the stone and culvert be removed immediately and that the grass be repaired. The resident stated to the BHPD that the property belongs to his daughter who lives overseas and that he is the caretaker.

The contractor removed all materials that day and effected repairs to the grass.

All this cost the village several hours of the engineer's time, the BHPD time and additional cost to the contractor.

In the future, the practice should be implemented that anyone stating that they have official authority of a property that is not theirs should be prepared to provide a copy of a signed, notarized power of attorney.

Power Outage Update

Notification from ComEd has been received that extensive tree trimming on distribution circuits in Barrington Hills will take place in November and December 2011. Asplund Tree Service (orange trucks) will be the contractors doing the job. If you have any questions regarding this activity contact ComEd at 1-800-311-6345, ext.902.

A map of the areas to be trimmed is available at the Village Hall.

Road Side Mowing and Storm Cleanup

Mowing has been completed and removal of downed trees from the summer storms is almost completed.

2011 Road Program

Following the cancellation of the Church Road project and redesigning the Chapel Road project, the 2012 road program is being adjusted to do maximum repairs and resurfacing within the budgetary restraints.

I am asking permission to go forward with as much road repairs and engineering as possible this fall in order to use monies remaining which were appropriated for the Church/Chapel Roads project in order to reduce the 2012 request for funds so that we can keep the levy at 0.

Patty Meroni
Chair, Roads and Bridges